

Resolution authorizing a one year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to operate the Green Corps program (Community Partnerships) (\$25,000)

WHEREAS, Franklin Park Conservatory is one of Ohio's most significant urban parks dedicated to the promotion of environmental appreciation and ecological awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory supports a world class botanical garden while providing lifelong learning opportunities that extends beyond its boundaries through various initiatives that foster community gardening, transformation of urban spaces, and, through the Green Corps program, workforce development; and

WHEREAS, begun in 2012 as collaboration between Franklin County Department of Economic and Community and Franklin Park Conservatory, Green Corps is a training program for unemployed/underemployed which is designed to prepare them for a career in horticulture-related fields, such as landscaping, plant propagation, and food cultivation; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory administers the Green Corps by providing instruction, supervision and program management as well as in-class instruction; practical grounds work experience, field trips and internships with private companies in the field; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to continue its support of the Conservatory's mission and programs and does so pursuant to Sections 755.16 and 755.18 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached contract for services with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, is hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny
Cc: Auditor
Franklin Park Conservatory

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS